

*City of Fairfax  
Department of Fire and Rescue Services  
Office of Code Administration  
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**ATTENTION: Home Owners and other Building Owners:**

Emergency responders, including fire apparatus, ambulances and the police must be able to quickly locate houses and other buildings when responding to a fire or other emergency. Seconds count! A small delay can lead to a fire growing out of control and causing extensive damage. A medical emergency delay can make a great deal of difference in the outcome of the emergency.

Don't let this happen to you or your family! Please be sure that numbers are visible from the street, so emergency responders can find you quickly. Numbers painted on the curb are not always visible because of parked cars or leaves or sometimes, snow.

Besides being a good idea, posting appropriate building identification numbers is a requirement of the code. Section 82-34 of the City Code, Section 505 of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and Section 304.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code, require that each building be identified with numbers and/or letters.

**VSFPC SECTION 505  
PREMISES IDENTIFICATION**

**505.1 Address numbers.** New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch.

Numbers are available at hardware stores or building supply stores, and are inexpensive. If for some reason you are unable to install these numbers yourself, please call the Office of Code Administration for help. Phone: 703 385-7830

And.....Please check you smoke detectors! The Fire Department will install smoke detectors in single family houses (non-rentals) at no cost to the owner. Don't sleep another night without a smoke detector! Call 703 385-7830 today.